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ON PETITION

In re Application of
Bingeman et al.
Application No. 09/626,648
Filed: July 27, 2000
Attorney Docket Number: LET/03X
Title of Invention: METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR CONTINUING PLAY
WITH CART-BASED
NAVIGATION/INFORMATION
SYSTEM DISPLAY

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to a non-final Office Action which was mailed on March 15, 2004. The non-final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on August 31, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 27, 2004.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR §10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) have been met. This petition is hereby **Granted**.

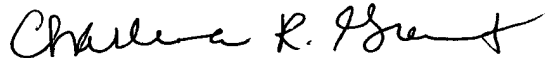
It is noted the address presented on the petition differs from the correspondence address of record. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the present petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary. The Office will not engage in dual correspondence.

The Office hereby acknowledges the receipt of the Amendment submitted with the

instant petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-0251.



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